

TODAY AT A GLANCE — 10 THINGS TO REMEMBER

- MP launches Mukhyamantri **Sugam Parivahan Bus Seva** on **Sep 25** — **1,036+** routes
- **India-EU FTA** to be signed in **Brussels** on **Dec 16, 2026**
- MP Cabinet clears **₹42,490 cr** package; **₹36,006 cr** for Samagra Shiksha (2026-31)
- **OECD** lifts India's **FY27** growth forecast to **7.1%**
- **Ladli Behna** 40th instalment: **₹1,500** to **1.25 crore** women
- **US Federal Reserve** raises rates to **3.75-4%** — first hike in 3 years
- **Project Cheetah**: India's count rises to **56**; expansion to **10 sites** planned
- **Supreme Court** (Justice Dipankar Datta) defends the **Collegium** system
- **Simhashta-2028** Ujjain: **₹25,000 cr** approved; **40 crore** devotees expected
- **IAF** signs **₹811 cr** deal for **160 glide bombs**

SECTION A — MADHYA PRADESH SPECIAL

MADHYA PRADESH MPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II (Governance)

MP to launch Mukhyamantri Sugam Parivahan Bus Seva on 25 September

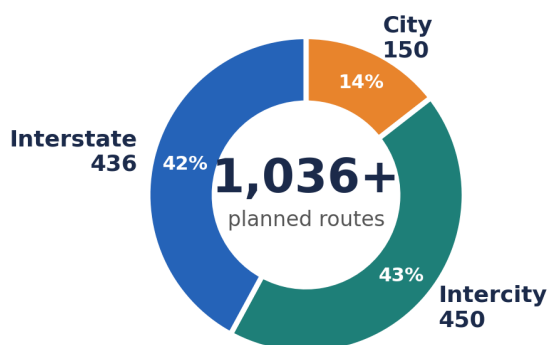
Syllabus Linkage	MPPSC Prelims (MP schemes & transport) + Mains GS-II — governance, service delivery; GS-III — infrastructure
Context	The Mohan Yadav government rolls out the Mukhyamantri Sugam Parivahan Bus Seva on 25 September 2026 to give MP a safe, affordable, technology-enabled public bus network, filling the gap left after the old road transport corporation wound down.
Key Facts	● 1,036+ routes planned: 150 city, 450 intercity, 436 interstate ● Fleet to prioritise electric & CNG buses with CCTV, GPS, panic buttons ● Run on PPP model via MP Yatri Parivahan & Infrastructure Ltd (MPYPIL) ● Target: connect 75% of villages by 2030; Rapido tie-up for first/last-mile ● Eka Mobility to set up a 5,000-bus/yr e-bus plant at Pithampur
Way Fwd	Timely permits and viability-gap support will decide whether the PPP model delivers reliable rural connectivity without heavy fiscal strain.
Concept	Public transport is a State subject ; safe, last-mile mobility links to SDG-11 (sustainable cities) and the Gati Shakti infrastructure vision.

MADHYA PRADESH MPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II (Governance & Social Justice)

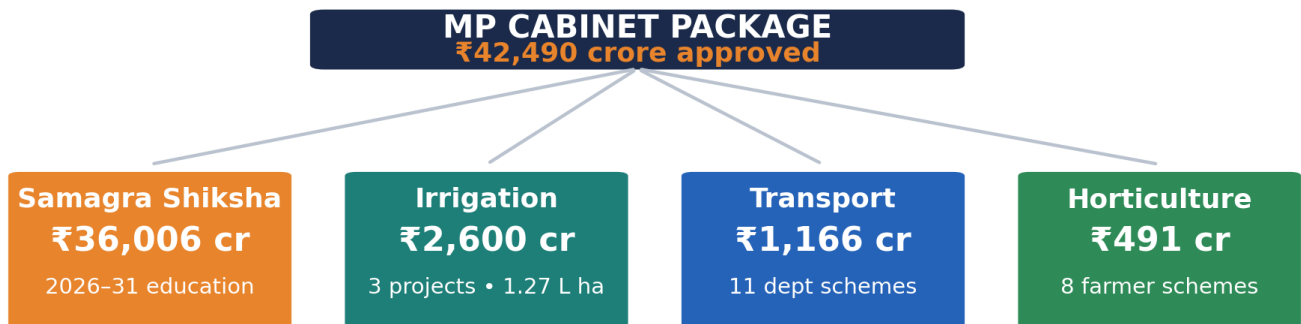
MP Cabinet clears ₹42,490 cr package; ₹36,006 cr for Samagra Shiksha

Syllabus Linkage	MPPSC Prelims (state schemes & budget) + Mains GS-II — education, welfare policy; GS-III — irrigation & agriculture spending
Context	The State Cabinet , chaired by CM Mohan Yadav , approved outlays exceeding ₹42,490 crore across education, irrigation, transport and horticulture, with the flagship allocation for the centrally sponsored Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan .
Key Facts	● ₹36,006.22 crore for Samagra Shiksha (2026-27 to 2030-31), pre-primary to Class 12 ● ₹2,600 cr for 3 irrigation projects covering ~1.27 lakh hectares ● ₹1,166 cr for 11 transport schemes; ₹491 cr for 8 horticulture schemes ● Extra ₹250 top-up support flagged for Ladli Behna beneficiaries
Way Fwd	Converting large education outlays into measurable learning outcomes (as per NAS/NEP goals) is the real test beyond the budget line.
Concept	Samagra Shiksha is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme subsuming SSA, RMSA and Teacher Education, aligned to the RTE Act, 2009 and NEP 2020 .

Sugam Parivahan Bus Seva — Route Network



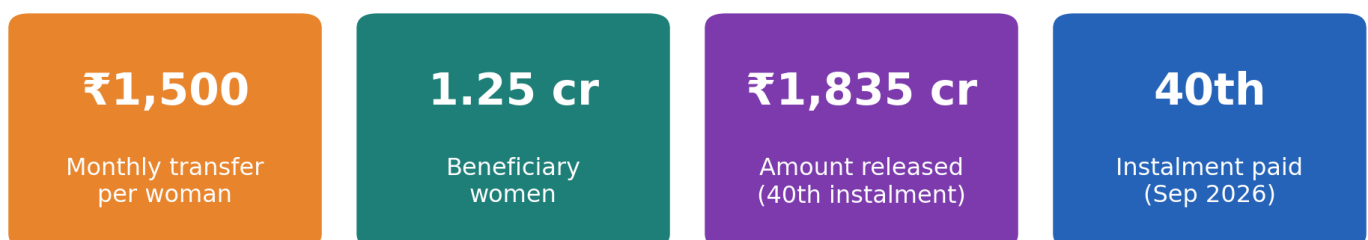
Section highlight — Where the Cabinet outlay goes



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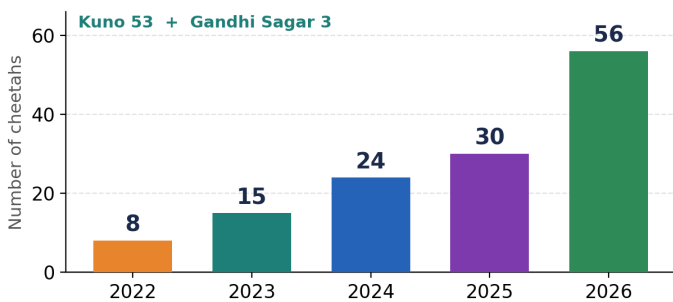
Ladli Behna 40th instalment: ₹1,500 credited to 1.25 crore women

Syllabus Linkage	MPPSC Prelims (MP welfare schemes) + Mains GS-II — welfare of vulnerable sections, women empowerment; GS-III — DBT & fiscal policy
Context	MP's flagship women's cash-transfer scheme, Mukhyamantri Ladli Behna Yojana , released its 40th monthly instalment via Direct Benefit Transfer , sustaining a key plank of the state's welfare model.
Key Facts	● ₹1,500 transferred to each of ~1.25 crore eligible women ● About ₹1,835 crore disbursed for the month via DBT ● Launched 2023; started at ₹1,000, raised in stages toward a ₹3,000 goal ● Eligibility: MP women aged 21-60 within income limits
Way Fwd	Balancing rising welfare commitments with capital spending is essential to keep the scheme fiscally durable.
Concept	DBT curbs leakage using the JAM trinity (Jan Dhan-Aadhaar-Mobile); such transfers advance Article 39 (DPSP) goals of economic justice.

Ladli Behna Yojana — Monthly Cash Support

ENVIRONMENT MPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-III (Environment & Ecology)**Project Cheetah: India's count rises to 56; expansion to 10 sites planned**

Syllabus Linkage	MPPSC Prelims (MP wildlife, national parks) + Mains GS-III — conservation, biodiversity; GS-I — physical geography of MP
Context	With fresh cubs born at Kuno National Park , India's cheetah population reached 56 , and the Wildlife Institute of India confirmed a roadmap to establish cheetahs at 10 locations across MP, Rajasthan and Gujarat.
Key Facts	● Total 56 cheetahs — Kuno 53 + Gandhi Sagar 3 (MP's second cheetah home) ● 29 cheetahs brought from Africa (South Africa, Botswana, Namibia); 53 cubs born in India ● Project began 2022 at Kuno (Sheepur district); target 40-50 cheetahs/site ● MP remains the 'Tiger State' with the largest tiger population and forest cover
Way Fwd	Sustaining wild cheetah populations needs large prey bases, corridor habitats and community support to reduce human-wildlife conflict.
Concept	The cheetah is the world's only large carnivore reintroduction across continents; India lost it to extinction in 1952 . Kuno lies in the Chambal landscape.

Project Cheetah — Population in India**MADHYA PRADESH** MPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-I (Art, Culture & Heritage)**Simhastha-2028 Ujjain: ₹25,000 cr approved; 40 crore devotees expected**

Syllabus Linkage	MPPSC Prelims (MP fairs, festivals, geography) + Mains GS-I — Indian culture; GS-III — tourism economy & infrastructure
Context	MP is fast-tracking preparations for the Simhastha Kumbh 2028 at Ujjain on the banks of the Shipra , one of the four sites of the Kumbh, aiming to make the city a global spiritual and tourism hub.
Key Facts	● About ₹25,000 crore earmarked for infrastructure and city upgrades ● An estimated 40 crore devotees expected over the mela period ● Ujjain hosts Mahakaleshwar (a Jyotirlinga) on the Shipra river ● Kumbh rotates among Ujjain, Prayagraj, Haridwar, Nashik
Way Fwd	Crowd management, sanitation and river-flow (Shipra) planning will be decisive for a safe, clean mega-event.
Concept	The Kumbh Mela is on UNESCO's list of Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity (2017); Simhastha is Ujjain's Kumbh.

Simhastha Kumbh 2028 — Ujjain**₹25,000 cr**

Outlay approved

40 crore

Devotees expected

2028

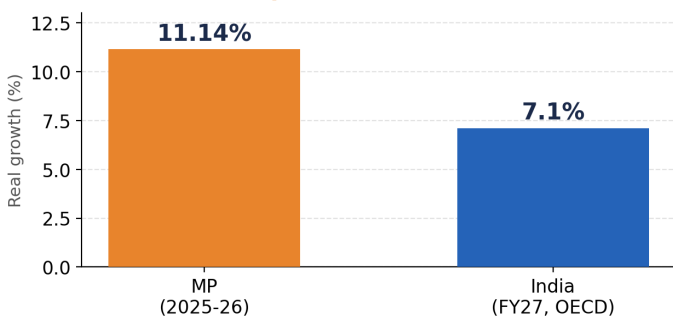
Ujjain Simhastha

SECTION B — DATA POINT OF THE DAY**DATA POINT OF THE DAY**

MP GSDP (2026-27, projected)

₹18.48 lakh crore

Madhya Pradesh's economy is projected at **₹18.48 lakh crore** for **2026-27** with real growth of about **11.14%** (2025-26) — among the fastest for large states — while the **Global Investors Summit 2025** drew investment intentions of about **₹26.6 lakh crore**.

Growth Snapshot — GSDP ₹18.48 lakh cr**SECTION C — NATIONAL & WORLD**

IR MPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II (International Relations)**India-EU Free Trade Agreement heads for December signing in Brussels**

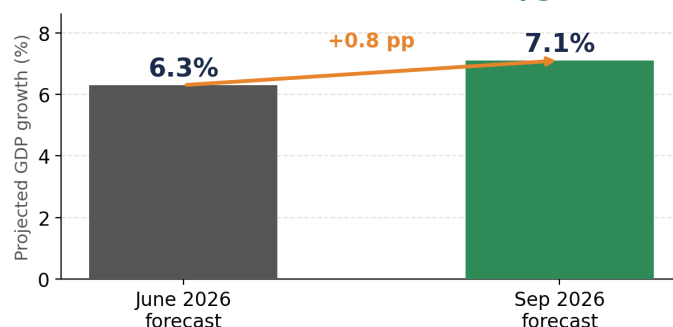
Syllabus Linkage	MPPSC Prelims (trade agreements, groupings) + Mains GS-II — India & the world; GS-III — external sector & trade
Context	After negotiations concluded in January 2026, the India-EU Free Trade Agreement is set to be signed in Brussels on 16 December 2026 , marking one of India's largest trade deals.
Key Facts	● EU to eliminate tariffs on 99.5% of Indian exports ● India to open ~97.5% of traded value in return ● No individual EU member ratification needed; has majority support ● Parallel deals: India-Canada FTA expected by November 2026
Way Fwd	Sectoral safeguards for MSMEs, agriculture and dairy, plus standards compliance, will shape how gains are distributed.
Concept	An FTA cuts tariffs/non-tariff barriers between partners; the EU is among India's largest trade and investment partners.

ECONOMY MPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-III (Economy)**US Federal Reserve raises rates to 3.75-4% — first hike in three years**

Syllabus Linkage	MPPSC Prelims (global institutions, monetary policy) + Mains GS-III — external environment, capital flows
Context	The US Federal Reserve on 16 September raised its benchmark rate to 3.75-4% , its first hike in three years, as inflation ran above target amid war-driven price pressures.
Key Facts	● Rate lifted from 3.5-3.75% to 3.75-4% ● US inflation at 3.4% vs the Fed's 2% target (peaked 4.2% in May) ● Higher US rates can trigger FPI outflows and rupee pressure ● Reinforces the case for a cautious RBI stance
Way Fwd	India's large forex reserves and strong growth provide a buffer, but imported inflation and currency risk need monitoring.
Concept	A central bank raises the policy rate to curb inflation; the interest-rate differential drives cross-border capital flows .

ECONOMY MPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-III (Economy)**OECD raises India's FY27 growth forecast to 7.1%**

Syllabus Linkage	MPPSC Prelims (economic indicators, agencies) + Mains GS-III — growth, macroeconomy
Context	The OECD upgraded India's 2026-27 growth projection to 7.1% (from 6.3% in June), crediting resilient domestic demand even as global growth faces headwinds from the West Asia crisis.
Key Facts	● Forecast raised to 7.1% for FY27, up 0.8 pp from June ● Moody's, S&P Global and Fitch upgraded India around the same time ● India stays the fastest-growing major economy ● Driver: strong domestic demand cushioning external shocks
Way Fwd	Sustaining 7%+ growth needs private capex revival, job creation and steady disinflation.
Concept	The OECD is a 38-member Paris-based body; India is a key partner (not a member). Growth measured as real GDP change.

OECD — India FY27 Growth Upgrade**POLITY** MPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-II (Polity & Governance)**Supreme Court's Justice Dipankar Datta defends the Collegium system**

Syllabus Linkage	MPPSC Prelims (judiciary, appointments) + Mains GS-II — separation of powers, judiciary
Context	Justice Dipankar Datta of the Supreme Court defended the Collegium system, calling the 'judges appoint judges' criticism a mischaracterisation and flagging the government's 'piecemeal' handling of recommendations.
Key Facts	● Criticised delays and selective clearance of Collegium recommendations ● Collegium: CJI + senior-most SC judges recommend judicial appointments ● Rooted in the Three Judges Cases; NJAC Act struck down in 2015 ● Debate ties to the 2023 CEC/EC appointments law verdict
Way Fwd	A transparent Memorandum of Procedure with clear timelines could ease executive-judiciary friction.
Concept	Judicial independence is part of the basic structure ; appointments involve Articles 124 & 217 .

DEFENCE MPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-III (Security & Defence)**IAF signs ₹811 crore deal for 160 glide bombs**

Syllabus Linkage	MPPSC Prelims (defence deals, indigenisation) + Mains GS-III — defence, internal security
Context	The Ministry of Defence signed a ₹811 crore contract to supply 160 glide bombs to the Indian Air Force , boosting precision stand-off strike capability.
Key Facts	● ₹811 crore contract for 160 glide bombs ● Glide bombs allow precision stand-off strikes from safe distances ● Supports Atmanirbhar Bharat in defence manufacturing ● Adds to India's precision-guided munitions inventory
Way Fwd	Scaling indigenous munitions and guidance-kit production will deepen strategic self-reliance.
Concept	Stand-off weapons are launched at a distance to keep platforms outside enemy air defences; part of defence indigenisation .

ENVIRONMENT MPPSC: Prelims + Mains GS-III (Environment & Disaster)**Super El Niño warning: 15,800 extra heat deaths projected for India**

Syllabus Linkage	MPPSC Prelims (climate phenomena, monsoon) + Mains GS-III — climate change, disaster management; GS-I — climatology
Context	A Super El Niño event is projected to cause about 15,800 additional heat-related deaths in India between September 2026 and February 2027, with a weak monsoon straining power and water.
Key Facts	● ~15,800 extra heat deaths projected ($\pm 1,600$) for India ● About 451,000 El Niño-linked deaths estimated globally in six months ● India's southwest monsoon ~15% below normal ● ~40% of coal plants reported critically low fuel stocks
Way Fwd	Heat Action Plans, resilient power/water grids and early warning must scale to protect vulnerable populations.
Concept	El Niño is warming of the central-east Pacific under ENSO , often weakening India's monsoon and raising heat stress.

SECTION D — PRELIMS RAPID-FIRE

1. MP is India's largest producer of soybean (the ' Soybean State ') and a top pulses/gram grower.	4. The 18th BRICS Summit was hosted by India in New Delhi (Sep 12–13, 2026).
2. MP holds India's largest forest cover and the most tigers (the ' Tiger State ').	5. UNESCO World Heritage Sites in MP: Khajuraho, Sanchi, Bhimbetka .
3. Narmada is MP's lifeline river; other major rivers: Chambal, Betwa, Tapi (Tapi), Son .	6. Cheetahs in India total 56 , housed at Kuno and Gandhi Sagar (both in MP).

SECTION E — PRACTICE CORNER

Q1. With reference to Project Cheetah, consider the following statements:

1. Cheetahs were first reintroduced at Kuno National Park in Madhya Pradesh.
2. Gandhi Sagar Wildlife Sanctuary is the second home for cheetahs in India.
3. The cheetahs were brought from Australia.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

(A) 1 and 2 only (B) 2 and 3 only (C) 1 and 3 only (D) 1, 2 and 3

Ans: (A) — Cheetahs were brought from Africa (Namibia, South Africa, Botswana) — not Australia, so 3 is wrong. Kuno (2022) was the first site and Gandhi Sagar the second, so 1 and 2 are correct.

Q2. Consider the following statements regarding the India-EU Free Trade Agreement:

1. It is scheduled to be signed in Brussels in December 2026.
2. The EU will eliminate tariffs on 99.5% of Indian exports.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

(A) 1 only (B) 2 only (C) Both 1 and 2 (D) Neither 1 nor 2

Ans: (C) — Both are correct: the deal is set for signing in Brussels on 16 December 2026, and the EU is to remove tariffs on 99.5% of Indian exports (India opening ~97.5% of traded value).

Mains Practice: State-led welfare cash transfers such as the Ladli Behna Yojana have reshaped social security in Madhya Pradesh. Examine their impact on women's empowerment and their fiscal sustainability. (GS-II / GS-III)

Hint: Use figures — ₹1,500/month to ~1.25 crore women (~₹1,835 cr/month) against a GSDP of ₹18.48 lakh crore; weigh empowerment and consumption gains versus the trade-off with capital expenditure.

QUICK REVISION: Revise: Sugam Parivahan Bus Seva (Sep 25, 1,036+ routes) • MP Cabinet ₹42,490 cr (Samagra Shiksha ₹36,006 cr) • Ladli Behna ₹1,500 • Cheetahs 56 (Kuno + Gandhi Sagar) • Simhastha-2028 ₹25,000 cr • India-EU FTA 99.5% • OECD India 7.1% • US Fed 3.75–4%.

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